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City of San Bruno
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Time to thank Rotary!

San Bruno's new Rotary Centennial Clock, donated by the Rotary Club of San Bruno, was dedicated in a ceremony on January 4, 2006. The unique 16-foot tall, \$30,000 clock is located at the northwest corner of San Mateo and Jenevein avenues. The Rotary Club donated this landmark time-piece to the City in commemoration of Rotary International's 100th anniversary. The dedication ceremony, which included a catered lunch, was well attended by Rotary Club members, local business merchants, and San Bruno Chamber of Commerce Board members. Speakers included Peter Jalilie, 2005-06 Rotary President, Mario Puccinelli, 2004-05 Rotary President, Larry Franzella, Mayor and Past Rotary President, Frank Hedley, Past Rotary President and Project Chairperson, and Tammy Del Bene, President, San Bruno Chamber of Commerce. Pastor John Grussi of Peninsula Christian Fellowship gave the invocation, and Peter Jalilie, Larry Franzella, and Mario Puccinelli conducted the clock unveiling.



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Residential and Multi-Family Recycling Program

For every ton of paper that is recycled, we save 17 trees, 7,000 gallons of water, and 4,000 kilowatt-hours of electricity—enough energy to heat an average home for six months. Yet, the majority of waste (approximately 38%) sent to landfills is paper and paper products, most of which could be easily recycled.

Keeping that in mind, what steps are you taking to help divert these materials from the landfill and preserve our environment? Are you participating in San Bruno's recycling program? *You can be a part of the solution if you recycle the following materials, through the curbside recycling program offered by San Bruno Garbage Company!*


- **Mixed Paper** (newspaper, phone books, catalogs, magazines, junk mail, envelopes, file folders, paper grocery bags, wrapping paper, paperboard (like cereal or cracker boxes with liners removed))
- **Bottles & Cans** (aluminum and bi-metal cans, plastic bottles #1-7, glass bottles and jars)
- **Cardboard** (bundled & tied, no larger than 3 ft. x 3 ft.)
- **Household batteries** (place in clear plastic bags and set on top of recycling container. Battery bags are available for free at the Public Works Engineering counter, located at San Bruno City Hall, 567 El Camino Real).

To learn more about recycling, visit:
www.sanbrunorecycles.ca.gov
www.sanbrunogarbage.com

If you live in an apartment, multi-family dwelling, or condominium complex, and do not currently have a recycling program in place, call San Bruno Garbage Company at 650-583-8536. They will help you set up a recycling program ~ *it's not only easy...it's free!*

Recycling facts courtesy of the California Integrated Waste Management Board. Visit their Website at www.ciwmb.ca.gov for more facts and information..

Universal Waste – Not just garbage anymore!

 In February 8, 2006, a new law took effect in California, which prohibits putting Universal Waste into the trash. This law not only helps protect the environment, it also supports the efforts of California to divert materials from the waste stream, saving precious landfill space.

Universal Waste, which can harm human health and the environment if they are improperly disposed of, includes the following:

Electronic waste – computers, computer peripherals, telephones, cell phones, answering machines, radios, stereo equipment, tape players/recorders, phonographs, VCR's, CD players/recorders, calculators, and microwave ovens.

Mercury-containing wastes – fluorescent tubes, thermostats, compact fluorescent tubes, high-intensity discharge lamps, sodium vapor lamps, and metal halide lamps.

Consumer batteries – rechargeable, alkaline, NiCad, lithium, silver button, and mercury.

Universal Wastes **will no longer be picked up “at the curb”** (except for household batteries - AA, AAA, C, D, 9-volt, camera and watch) in twice-annual cleanups, special pickups, or debris boxes. However, there are programs in place for residents to properly dispose of these materials. They include the following:

➤ San Bruno Garbage Company *Drop-Off Program

San Bruno residents can bring Universal Waste to the **San Bruno Garbage Company Transfer Station**, 101 Tanforan Avenue on **Saturdays** from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. or **by appointment only** on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

**Televisions and computer monitors are subject to a recycling fee.*

However, at this time, there is no charge for San Bruno residents to drop off the other Universal Wastes listed above. For more information, call San Bruno Garbage at (650) 583-8536.

➤ Cell Phone Collection

Cell phones can be dropped off at San Bruno City Hall during regular business hours. The collection tube is located in the hallway, across from the Sister City Conference Room. Proceeds from the recycling of these cell phones benefit a local shelter for domestic violence.

➤ Goodwill Donation Centers

Goodwill has a free drop-off program for computer monitors, televisions and cell phones. For more information, contact Goodwill at 1-888-4GOODWILL or visit www.sfgoodwill.org

For additional information about Universal Waste, visit:

California Department of Toxic Substances Control's Website at <http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/HazardousWaste/UniversalWaste/index.cfm>

California Integrated Waste Management Board's Universal Waste Website at

<http://www.ciwmb.ca.gov/WPIE/HazSub/UniWaste.htm>

What's on the Horizon for New Development in San Bruno?

According to the Community Development Department, development remains strong in the City of San Bruno. A number of developments are currently under construction or in conceptual design, planning approval, or the building permit review stage. Read on to find out what may be springing up soon in your neighborhood or along the roadways you travel. *If you have questions regarding these developments, you may contact the Planning Division of the Community Development Department at (650) 616-7039.*

Skycrest Homes

LOCATION: Southern portion of Skycrest Center, San Bruno Avenue & Glenview Drive

DESCRIPTION: Demolition of existing retail “strip” center and construction of 24 single-family homes on 2.5 acres of land. Lunardi’s Market would remain with room for a future expansion.

STATUS: The City Council recently approved the General Plan amendment and rezoning for this site. The second phase – review of the detailed plans – is scheduled to be heard by the Planning Commission this spring.



Glenview Terrace

LOCATION: Northwest corner of San Bruno Avenue at Glenview Drive

DESCRIPTION: Construction of 16 townhomes on a vacant site formerly the location of a gas station that was razed. The 3- and 4-bedroom townhomes would have access through an interior roadway. Each townhome unit would have a two-car garage and two-car wide driveway.

STATUS: The project will be heard by the Planning Commission in February and by the City Council in March.



Paragon Apartments

LOCATION: The Crossing – former Navy Site Specific Plan Area located at El Camino Real at Interstate 380

DESCRIPTION: Construction of a 185-unit apartment facility. The four-story building will contain two levels of parking: one at grade and one below grade. A total of 20% of the units will be available to lower-income households.

STATUS: The building is currently under construction and is scheduled to be completed within 12 months.



The Village at The Crossing

LOCATION: The Crossing – former Navy Site Specific Plan Area at El Camino Real at Interstate 380

DESCRIPTION: 228 units of senior apartments in a four-story building with underground parking. All the units will be available to lower-income households.

STATUS: The building is currently under construction and is scheduled to be completed within 12 months.



The Crossing Parcels 3&4

LOCATION: The Crossing – former Navy Site Specific Plan Area at El Camino Real at Interstate 380

DESCRIPTION: 350 residential units, of which 187 will be condominium units and 163 will be apartment units. The units will be located in two buildings. Building 1 will contain the 163 apartment units, and Building 2 will contain the 187 condominium units. The buildings will be five stories with two levels of subterranean parking.

STATUS: This application was recently submitted to the Community Development Department and is scheduled to be reviewed by the Architectural Review Committee in March, followed by Planning Commission consideration for approval.



Former Carl Sandburg School Site

LOCATION: 2896 Evergreen Drive

DESCRIPTION: Demolition of surplus school site and development of 72 single-family homes. Given the proposed project design, the applicant is requesting approval of a Planned Unit Permit application to deviate from the property's current zoning designation.

STATUS: The applicant has completed a conceptual design review to prepare and submit a formal application in the very near future. Once submitted, an environmental review of the project will begin. This project will be publicly reviewed by the Architectural Review Committee and the Planning Commission.



Tribute to Chris



On Sunday, January 22, 2006, friends, family, local politicians, and City staff came together to honor former Councilmember Chris Pallas in acknowledgement of his dedication to the City of San Bruno. Chris Pallas began his career in public service with his election to the San Bruno Park School District School Board in 1971. He served nine years on the School Board before being elected to the San Bruno City Council in 1980. Chris served as a City Councilmember from 1980 until November 2005.

At the luncheon held at the San Bruno Senior Center, Mayor Larry Franzella praised the accomplishments of Chris in the following speech:

“During the 25 years that Chris has served the City, the face of San Bruno has changed. From Skyline College and the surrounding development, to Bayhill, Tanforan, the Senior Center, the Police Station, The Crossing, and BART, a new canvas has emerged. Chris has been a part of making that happen.

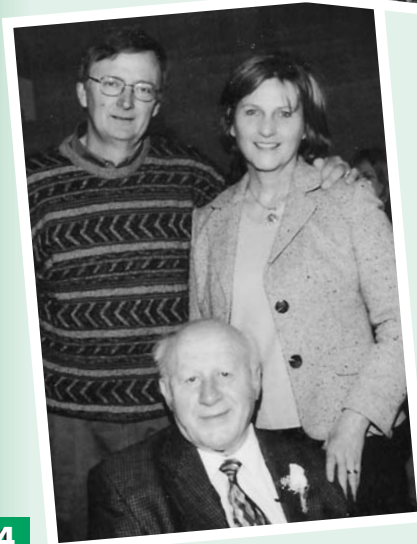
It is no secret that these were not all projects that Chris supported, but due to Chris’ critical analysis, his commentary, and the perspective he brought to his position on the City Council, San Bruno benefited greatly.

As a Councilmember, Chris advocated with a special passion for senior citizens, for children, for the community’s health and safety, and, of course, for our independent well water supply. Chris’ enthusiasm and his commitment to San Bruno came through clearly throughout as he worked tirelessly for our community.

Chris’ specific contributions span a broad spectrum. I would like to highlight a few which will certainly long be remembered:

Advocate for Senior Services: Initiated the first Senior Center at Edgemont; instrumental in securing the funding for building our Senior Center; established the San Bruno Senior Endowment Fund.

Champion for Children and Schools: Worked to bring Peninsula High to the Crestmoor School site; coordinated Pacific Heights – Portola Highland annexation; kept Crestmoor High School fields open for athletic use; Founder and Chairman



Chris Pallas

of the annual Easter Egg Hunt; Chairman of the annual Halloween Parade.

Served as City's Representative: Member of San Mateo County Emergency Services Committee – 11 years; member and Past Chairman of Airport Land Use Committee; member of the Airport Roundtable; member of the Regional Planning Commission of San Mateo County; Past Vice-Chair of the Crime Prevention Committee; Chairman and founding member of the Project Pride Committee – 25 years; Past Member of the Central Business District Committee; Past President of the Senior Center Computer Club.

Advocate for the City water supply resources and wells: Member of the City Council's Ad-Hoc Water Committee; worked to bring the Lions Field Well to completion with back-up generator to assure continuous operations; worked to bring 5 new wells on line during his tenure.

Today we are honoring Chris with this special tribute to his remarkable tenure and his strong, passionate leadership. I know that we all hope he will remember our appreciation and this wonderful event.

Knowing Chris, though, I suspect that his greatest reward for his decades of service has come from the smiles of the children parading through the Tanforan Mall and hunting Easter eggs at City Park; from knowing that scores of senior citizens are able to enjoy socializing, hot meals, and the excellent services at our Senior Center; and from the personal gratitude of individual residents who have called upon his help to resolve problems, both small and large. Chris has touched the lives of thousands of our residents, both past and present, over his 25 years as a City Councilmember. His contributions will continue to serve San Bruno long into the future.

Chris, we thank you, and we salute you for helping to make San Bruno an even better place."

The San Bruno community echoes the Mayor's words, and wishes Chris, his wife Ruth, and their family a happy and fulfilling future.



Managing Storm-Related Erosion and Mudslides

The City is once again experiencing the effects of a particularly wet winter, which has resulted in the saturation of hillside property and has created a greater potential for erosion or mudslides. Often uncontrolled, this can lead to major slope failures and significant property damage. City crews have been proactive in monitoring known slide locations throughout the community and have placed protective plastic covering on some of these slopes.

The question often comes up as to who is responsible for maintaining and repairing hillside slopes and drainage devices. Most of these conditions are on private property, and as such, they are the responsibility of the underlying property owner. The City does not maintain or repair any private property slopes or drainage devices unless they are within an easement that has been designated for that purpose. The City's role in the event of a serious mudslide or erosion problem is limited to conducting safety inspections to establish if the property is safe to occupy and issuing notices to property owners, under the City's nuisance ordinance, to initiate corrective repairs or maintenance. For further inquiries, contact the City's Engineering Division at (650) 616-7065.

Steps that can be taken to help prevent, reduce, or eliminate hazards to your property include:

- Clearing debris, mud, and other obstructions from v-ditches, inlets, and other drainage systems to help water flow freely.
- Protecting exposed slopes with well-planted, deep-rooted vegetative material.
- Making sure all irrigation systems are well maintained. Do not over-water slopes, as excessive moisture can lead to instability and problems with retaining walls.
- Improving yard drainage to eliminate standing water with



Workers protect hillside from erosion during a storm earlier this winter.

minor grading. Never drain water towards an adjacent property or slope.

- Using 6-mil plastic and/or sandbags, if necessary, to divert water away from slopes into approved

drainage devices.

- Contacting a professional geologist or engineer to give you specific recommendations on the repair or stabilization of your property.

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One Card. One Community.

There has been much change in San Bruno in recent years, and San Bruno's landscape will change even more dramatically in the future. With so much going on in San Bruno, the staff of the San Bruno Library decided it was a good time to take a look at the Library programs and services and to update the Library's image to keep up with the changing times.

The Library is pleased to announce its "One Card. One Community" theme and logo for 2006. This is part of the Library's new Strategic Plan, the main focus of which is the attainment of excellence of customer service to all City residents. The Library is already a destination for thousands of San Bruno citizens, but the Library management team is committed to bringing more users to the Library and to celebrate the many things that make San Bruno a great place to live and work. The Library will be out in the community more than ever this year, signing up people for cards, promoting literacy and reading, and working with students of all ages. The Summer Reading Program kickoff will be held at The Shops at Tanforan, and in the fall we will participate in the Countywide

"One Book. One Community" program, in which all San Brunans will be encouraged to read one selected title together. We promise a banner year for the Library, and it all starts with one thing: **"One Card. One Community."**

Community is about partnership.

We want to thank the following members of the community who, as of February 1, 2006, have made our 2006 Strategic Plan possible:

The Sammut Family Foundation
San Bruno Garbage Company
Prudential California Realty – San Bruno
Rotary Club of San Bruno
Barnes & Noble
BJ's Brewhouse
Coldstone Creamery
Mrs. Fields Cookies
Kiddie Kandids
Target Stores – San Bruno
The Shops at Tanforan

Opticom Priority Control System = Safer, Faster Emergency Response

Fire and police vehicles can now travel up or down El Camino Real more rapidly and safely due to the installation of an Opticom Priority Control System from 3M Company. This system is made up of a flashing light called an emitter unit, which is installed on the police car or fire truck and points up to little black tubes called detectors on the traffic lights. These detectors see the flashing light and alter the normal red, yellow, and green light cycle.

Normally, when the police respond to an emergency call using flashing red lights and sirens and come to a red light, this creates a potential accident as vehicles entering the intersection have a green light. This system reduces the potential of this occurring because the traffic signal will interrupt the normal red light to cycle to green, thus stopping oncoming traffic.

If you have ever been in traffic waiting at a red light and see or hear a fire truck coming behind you, it is often difficult to get out of the way since everyone is bunched up and the only place to go is through the red light, creating a very scary decision for the driver, especially if there are cars coming into the intersection. This system will cycle the red light to green so that traffic can move through the intersection on a green



Associate Civil Engineer Nader Dahu and Fire Captain Scott Marshall testing the Opticom emitter unit prior to installation.

light, thus allowing the fire truck to move quickly and safely through traffic without waiting for vehicles to move or clear the intersection.

So, the next time this situation occurs when you are driving in San Bruno, thank the Opticom Priority Control System for making emergency response safer for all.

FOCUS on your questions

**Frequently
Called Numbers
(Area Code 650)**

Q: Is there transportation to the Senior Center?

A: The Senior Center van transports San Bruno residents from their homes to the Senior Center Monday through Friday from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm for a requested donation of 50 cents each way. You can call the Senior Center (650-616-7150) 24 hours ahead to reserve a ride.

Q: What do I do at an intersection when the signal lights are not functioning?

A: During severe winter storms, it is not uncommon for signalized intersections to lose power. Under these circumstances, the driver of a motor vehicle is required to treat the intersection as if it were controlled by a stop sign in each direction. Motorists should also remember that effective July 1, 2005, drivers are required to turn on the vehicle's headlamps during inclement weather conditions, regardless if it is day or night.

Q: Can I be Live Scanned (computerized fingerprinting) at the San Bruno Police Department?

A: Yes, you can schedule an appointment by calling (650) 616-7100. The basic fee is \$18.00 plus any state fees that might be applicable to your particular need. For example, if your employer requires a copy be sent to the Department of Justice, the total fee is \$74.00. Keep in mind the Police Department no longer manually prints fingerprints on ink cards.

Q: Are dogs allowed in San Bruno Parks? If not, where can I take my dog?

A: City ordinance prohibits dogs from using our parks. Because of this, the City of San Bruno has dedicated a recreational area specifically for dogs. The San Bruno Dog Exercise Area is a fully enclosed, off-leash area built just for them. It is located at the eastern end of Commodore Park on the corner of Cherry Avenue and Commodore Drive. For more information, contact the Parks & Recreation Services Department at (650) 616-7180.

Q: How do we get to the Police Department, and where do we park when we get there?

A: The Police Department is located at Police Plaza, 1177 Huntington Avenue, adjacent to the BART Station on Huntington Avenue. You can access the "Police Department Customer Only" parking area by entering the service road located on the south side of the intersection at Huntington Avenue and Sneath Lane. We are directly behind the new Shops at Tanforan (behind Sears merchandise pick-up).

Q: Is the San Bruno Park Swimming Pool open year-round?

A: The San Bruno Park Pool is a seasonal pool open only in the summer. The 2006 pool season will begin on Monday, June 19, with lap swim and swimming lessons in both the morning and evening, recreational swim in the afternoon, and water aerobics in the evening. Information regarding all aquatics programs will be included in the Summer Parks and Recreation Quarterly Activity Guide available at the end of April.

Q: I have these trees behind my fence in an easement. Do they belong to the City or some other agency?

A: Some trees in easements may be part of a City Open Space area or on private property. In many instances, the tree may even belong to the homeowner. Fences do not always define property lines, and easement areas can belong to the homeowner. An easement may just allow public utilities access to maintain their utility lines. If you have questions on a specific area, please contact the Parks Division at (650) 616-7195; they should be able to assist you with your questions.

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